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A NEW ANT-THRUSH FROM VENEZUELA

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The new species described below was discovered while studying the collection of birds made in the Upper Orinoco and upper Rio Negro by Holt, Blake, and Agostini in 1930 and 1931. My own suspicions regarding it were more than corroborated by Dr. John T. Zimmer, to whose expert eyes the specimens were shown. The bird may be known as

Myrmeciza disjuncta sp. nov.

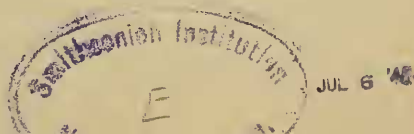
Type: U. S. Nat. Mus. 328955, immature male, collected at Cerro Yapacana, Upper Orinoco, Venezuela, April 10, 1931, by Holt, Blake, and Agostini on the National Geographic Society's Brazilian-Venezuelan boundary expedition.

Description: Forehead, crown, occiput, nape, scapulars and interscapulars blackish mouse gray with a faint brownish tinge; back, rump, and upper tail coverts similar but without the brownish tinge; the bases of the upper back feathers and of some of the interscapulars white forming a large concealed patch of that color; lesser and median upper wing coverts black narrowly tipped with white; the greater ones without the terminal spots; remiges between dark fuscous and fuscous black; rectrices fuscous black; lores, auriculars, and cheeks neutral gray; chin white; throat and breast white suffused, especially on the sides of the throat and all of the breast, with ochraceous buff to pale ochraceous tawny; sides and flanks ochraceous buff, mixed, especially posteriorly, with blackish mouse gray; middle of abdomen white, thighs and under tail coverts deep mouse gray somewhat mixed with ochraceous buff on the thighs and around the vent; under wing coverts blackish mouse gray; maxilla (in dried skin) entirely blackish; mandible pale yellowish cream buff; tarsi and toes slightly darker than maxilla.

Measurements of type: Wing 58.1; tail 47.9; culmen from base 20 tarsus 29 mm.

The type is molting to some extent and the new, adult feathering is very similar to the older, supposedly immature plumage. An adult

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female collected at the same locality agrees closely with the type but has the under tail coverts ochraceous buff with no deep mouse gray admixture, and has the lesser and median upper wing coverts narrowly tipped with dusky ochraceous buff. Its measurements are—wing 62; tail 44; culmen from base 21; tarsus 27.1 mm.

Known only from the type locality.